

Acrocanthosauran Environment



DETAILS OF *SAUROPELTIS* BY ELY KISH, FROM *ODYSSEY IN TIME: DINOSAURS OF NORTH AMERICA* BY DR. DALE RUSSELL. REPRODUCED WITH PERMISSION OF THE CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA.

Fossil evidence indicates that, at the time of its death, the Museum's Acrocanthosaurus was walking along the shores of a freshwater estuary near the ocean. The soil, made of coral sands, was white. In the background were cycads and conifers common at the time. Other dinosaurs that probably shared its habitat

included ornithomimids, sauropods, Deinonychus, and Tenontosaurus (probably striped black and white like a zebra). In addition to dinosaurs, there were turtles, lizards, salamanders, frogs, small crocodiles, and rat-sized, opossum-like mammals. The above illustration depicts how Acrocanthosaurus' environment might have looked.